

MEMORANDUM

TO: Home Health Agency Providers

FROM: Nancy Cutair, Chief
Division of Nursing Services

RE: HIPAA Implementation Delay for Home Health Services

DATE: June 4, 2004

This is an update to the September 25, 2003, December 4, 2003 and March 8, 2004 HIPAA Implementation Delay for Home Health Services memorandums.

HIPAA COMPLIANT TRANSACTION DELAY / TEMPORARY PROCEDURE CODE CHANGES

We are further delaying implementing of HIPAA compliant transactions for Home Health Services until at least October 1, 2004. All claims should continue to be submitted on the electronic or paper DHMH 248 form as currently used.

Additionally, providers must **continue to use the temporary Home Health billing procedure codes** for claims with a date of service from October 18, 2003 through September 30, 2004. The billing procedure codes for this time period are as follows:

Temporary Home Health Procedure Code Changes		
Current Code	Codes for dates of service between Oct. 18, 2003 – September 30, 2004	Service
H0001	Z9991	Skilled Nursing Services
H0002	Z9992	Skilled Nursing Visit (Other)
H0003	Z9993	Home Health Aide Services
H0005	Z0005	Physical Therapy Services
H0006	Z0006	Occupational Therapy Services
H0009	Z0009	Speech Therapy Services
H0010	Z0010	Supplies

ELECTRONIC BILLING

Please note that if you plan to submit electronic claims to the Program, either directly or **through** a billing service, **you must return a signed Submitter Identification Form and Trading Partner Agreement.** These forms are attached for your convenience.

COMPANION GUIDES

On or after October 1, 2004, all electronic transactions should be submitted in the X12N 837I format. Please consult your Information Technology staff or billing software vendor regarding these formats.

Companion Guides, developed by the Medical Assistance Program to assist Information Technology staff and billing software vendors with the ASC X12N Transactions, can be found at: <http://www.dhmd.state.md.us/hipaa/transandcodesets.html>.

TESTING

Providers who plan to send electronic transmissions directly to the Medical Assistance Program must test for HIPAA compliance before they can transmit claims to us for payment. A request to begin testing must be submitted to the following email address:

HPPAEDITEST@DHMD.STATE.MD.US

The following information is to be included in your request:

- Company's name
- Company's telephone number with extension if applicable
- Company's fax number
- Contact's first name
- Contact's last name
- Contact's email address
- Company's address, city, state and zip code
- Company's category: (e.g. clearing house, software vendor, healthcare provider, HMO, hospital, MCO, Medicare, pharmacy)
- Transaction types to be tested: For home health, the 837-I will be used for claims and the 835 for the electronic remittance advice.

Once the request is received you will be enrolled in the Commerce Desk. Notification will be sent containing a URL, User Login ID, User Password and login instructions.

TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT and SUBMITTER IDENTIFICATION FORM

We have attached a copy of our Trading Partner Agreement and Submitter Identification Form. **The Program must have both the Trading Partner Agreement and Submitter Identification Form on file before accepting any HIPAA transactions including X12N 837 (Claims).**

Each form has a contact phone number if you have additional questions or if you are unclear which forms you are to fill out. It is imperative that you complete the necessary form(s) and return them prior to submitting electronic transactions. Please mail the agreements to:

Rita Tate
201 W. Preston St. Rm. LL3
Baltimore MD 21201

PAPER BILLING

Home health providers should continue billing the Program using the DHMH 248 form for all services rendered to clients with dates of services prior to October 1, 2004.

For dates of service on and after October 1, 2004, providers must submit paper claims on the national standard UB-92 form. We will send you UB-92 billing instructions in the next few months.

REVENUE CODE WILL REPLACE PROCEDURE CODES

For dates of service on or after October 1, 2004, revenue codes will replace procedure codes. We will send you more information on this topic in the next few months.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please call us at (410) 767-1448. Thank you.

Attachments

